

# **HISTORICAL COMPILATION OF CHANGES IN THE GRAIN STANDARDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

The United States Grain Standards Act (Act) was passed by Congress on August 11, 1916. The first standards established under the Act were for corn and became effective December 1, 1916. Since then, standards have been developed for barley, canola, flaxseed, mixed grain, oats, rye, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, triticale, and wheat.

The standards for the various grains have been revised or amended from time to time. This publication which contains a compilation of these revisions and amendments and a cross-reference guide, supersedes "Historical Compilation of Changes in the Grain Standards of the United States" dated September 1996.

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## **SUBPART A - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Established effective June 30, 1987 (52 FR 24418, 6/30/87)

Established Subpart A - General Provisions for terms common to all grains and revised the rounding procedures as stated in the section on percentages to more generally accepted mathematical procedures. Certain sections are removed from individual grain standards and are included in Subpart A, such as test weight per bushel, moisture, and stones. The common wording for Basis of Determination and rounding procedures are removed from each standard. Also, the wording for Grade Designations and Special Grade Designations are removed from individual standards and rewritten in general terms for inclusion into Subpart A.

Revised effective May 1, 1988 (52 FR 24441, 6/30/87)

Redefined the infested designation as it applies to the representative sample, lot as a whole (stationary), and sample as a whole (continuous loading/ unloading of shiplots and bargelots).

Revised effective September 1, 1994 (57 FR 3274, 1/29/92)

Revised the method of recording the percentage of splits in soybeans from in whole percent with fractions of a percent being disregarded to the nearest tenth percent.

Revised effective June 1, 1997 (61 FR 18486, 4/26/96 and 61 FR 24669, 5/16/96)

Revised the method of recording the percentage of dockage in barley from whole percent with fractions of a percent being disregarded to whole and half percent with a fraction less than one-half percent disregarded.

Revised effective June 1, 1999 (63 FR 20054, 4/23/98)

Revised the method of recording the percentage of dockage in rye from whole percent with fractions of a percent being disregarded to the nearest tenth percent.

